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## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Please add new claims 14 and 15 as follows.

14. A signal receiving apparatus comprising:

a tuner operable to receive a transmission signal containing at least one of a VSB modulated signal and a QAM modulated signal and select one of the VSB modulated signal and the QAM modulated signal to obtain a selected signal; and

a clock reproducer operable to phase synchronize entire codes of the QAM modulated signal when the selected signal is the QAM modulated signal and to phase synchronize codes of the VSB modulated signal intermittently at predetermined intervals when the selected signal is the VSB modulated signal.